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Paul Sherman

Mudskippers ... and

Other Brackish Animals

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Michael Buchma

ACLC:

Now that the Clash is over, it is time to return to our regular meetings at the fire hall. If you were not at the Clash, you missed our best one yet. The Clash would not have been as successful as it was without the help of several of our very own club members volunteering or helping out. It was very much appreciated by me and the others on the Clash board. We could not have done it without you! Please remember that.

Next month, we will be holding our annual elections. There will be a vote for President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Anyone who has been a member in good standing for one year may run for office. In addition to the elected positions, there are still many ways that you can further help out with or begin to volunteer for. We are especially in need of a new ALEF Chair. This person will be responsible for scouting local schools in our area to be the 2019 recipient of our cash donation for their aquatic program. Please contact me if you are interested.

On October 13th at 1:00, we will meet at Bird-in-Hand Fire Company to welcome our speaker of the month, Paul Sherman. He will be talking about mudskippers and other brackish animals. If you went to the Clash this year, Paul will be a familiar face for you. And yes, you read correctly. We are meeting the second Saturday this month.



EDITOR'S NOTES

Okay, things are more or less on track as we all recover from the Clash. I'm making incremental changes as I get the hang of assembling Tank Tales. And as editor, I'm finding that I don't have a lot to say.

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Gary Haas

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Meetings held at Hand-in-Hand Fire Station
300 Enterprise Drive, Bird-In-Hand, PA

Saturday October 13, 2018 @ 1:00 PM
Program, Raffle, Auction & Refreshments



Paul Sherman

Mudskippers...and Other Brackish Animals

Paul has been keeping fish and aquatic life as a hobbyist and professionally for about 21 years. At one point his childhood home was filled with around 30 tanks, totaling around 400 gallons - not including the two ponds. One inside and one outside. Paul has never limited himself to fish though, he has been a loving caregiver to a variety of reptiles, amphibians, birds and other animals over the years. In addition to working in the pet retail sector and in aquarium and pond maintenance and installation, Paul has a certification in veterinary assistance.

THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME

For more information about the Aquarium Club of Lancaster County, or directions to a meeting,
please visit our website at <http://www.aclcpa.org>

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contact Joel Antkowiak - mrkillie@comcast.net

ACLC SPEAKER SCHEDULE

2018
November 13th — Christine Keys
Evolution of a Fish Room: The Adventures of a Lazy Fishkeeper

* - Board Meeting will be held prior to meeting

** - Meeting is not on 3rd Saturday



ABOUT THE ACLC™

Established in 1972, the Aquarium Club of Lancaster County is dedicated to further the study of all forms of aquatic life, to promote interest, exchange ideas, distribute information concerning the aquarium hobby and to encourage the breeding and display of aquatic life. The ACLC is an affiliated member of the Northeast Council of Aquarium Societies, Federation of American Aquarium Societies, International Guppy Education & Exhibition Society and the C.A.R.E.S. Preservation Program. The ACLC also actively supports and encourages our members to join the American Cichlid Association, American Livebearer Association, American Killifish Association and any other International, National, Regional or Local Club and Societies. In 2015 we hosted the American Livebearer Association Convention and in 2016 established the Aquatic Life Education Fund.

The ACLC is scheduled to meet on the third Saturday of each month (except July and August) at the Hand-in-Hand Fire co., 313 Enterprise Drive, Bird-in-Hand, PA 17505. Meetings begin at 1:00 PM unless otherwise noted. Meetings usually are comprised of a program featuring a guest speaker, raffle and door prizes and a mini fish auction, with a period allowed for mingling and refreshments. The philosophy of the club is such that our activities are interesting to both the novice and advanced hobbyist alike. An effort is made to keep business to a minimum at the general meetings, with the board of directors meeting being held quarterly at a pre-established date and time.

DATE: / /

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AQUATIC LIFE EDUCATION FUND

In January 2016, the Aquarium Club of Lancaster County Board of Directors announced a new program, the ACLC Aquatic Life Education Fund. This program has been instituted to assist schools in our area with funding for the continued development of curriculums related to the study of aquatic life. The importance of continued education of young people in this field could not be overstated and we felt that there is no better way to show our support than to develop a means for our club to assist financially.

The program works as follows:

- Five percent (5%) of the ACLC's auction proceeds annually between September 1st and August 31st will be earmarked for this fund
- The ACLC will also collect any donations offered by members and guests at all meetings and events held during the year and put 100% of those into the fund
- In 2017 the ACLC BOD decided that the moneys we collect from Amazon Smile will also be used to fund the ALEF.
- The ACLC will accept nominations from ACLC Members in good standing, for schools to be considered recipients beginning in September of each year and the decision will be made by a vote of the ACLC membership no later than at the March General meeting.
- Nominations should be accompanied by a letter from that school's representative with a description of the program the funds will be used for.
- Schools must be pre-college education facilities from neighboring counties in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey.
- No fees or other costs will be deducted from the funds collected. 100% will go to the school selected by the ACLC. A check will be awarded to that school as soon as possible after August 31st each year.

We look forward to this being and long term annual program to help educate our areas' young people in all aspects of our hobby and to promote the conservation efforts necessary for the continues existence of aquatic life.

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2018 Keystone Clash



Photo by Zenin Skomorowski

This year's Clash attracted 369 entries from 14 clubs as far away as Kansas City, and 46 entrants. Despite there being 116 cichlid entries and 95 killi entries, Best of Show went to a Betta, and Reserve of Show to a goldfish. ACLC-sponsored Keystone Challenge club winner was Youngstown (Ohio) Area Tropical Fish Society, and the individual winner was YATFS member duo Dan and Karen Guman, whose 48 quality entries (including RoS) overwhelmed the competition and clinched the club title. (ACLC will not have to rename the award the Buckeye Challenge because all entrants from YATFS are Pennsylvania residents. Whew!).

The show attracted 131 paying visitors, not counting walk-ins. The auction was well-attended and bids were reportedly good for both buyers and sellers — the essence of a fair price. A unscientific survey of auction results revealed few fish auction items fetching less than \$10, and I believe the high bid was \$55. For a catfish!

Many of you are interested in Clash **results** and **photos**. There are albums of photos, and a file under the Files tab documenting show winners, at the Keystone Clash FaceBook page. It would be redundant for TT to reproduce these items of interest here. Just follow the [link](#).



Ultra Aqua 2018

By Joel Antkowiak

Every summer the Greater Akron Aquarium Society puts on a weekend event that has come to be known as “Ultra Aqua.” It includes a 2 day all species show with cash awards, Saturday evening get together for all entrants complete with speaker and food, and of course an auction on Sunday. We were otherwise engaged on Saturday, but as we were in western Ohio, we decided to stop in for the Sunday auction and take a look around the show.

Angelfish



The was a 60 class show, including classes for decorated aquaria, print and digital photography, and arts and crafts as well as 10 cichlid classes, 10 livebearer classes, a pairs class, group of 6, family class (parents plus at least 6 fry) and even a novice class for the youngsters. Many classes were not well represented, but the entries that were placed in the show were for the most part of good quality.

I wanted to take the opportunity to try to get some decent fish photos at the show, but judging was still in progress when we arrived. But that was okay as it gave me a chance to check in with some old friends. In attendance were ACLC’s May speaker Joe Doyle, Eric Bodrock, Bill Sensor, Chuck Bialon, Wayne Toven and the brothers Guman, among many other. Joe counted 131 heads in attendance. I had made some previous arrangements to get some fish from Eric and they are great, and the Gumans are always, shall we say,

unpredictable. Finally, the judging was completed and I had a chance to get some pictures of some of the entries, some of which are included here.

Neolamprologus marangwensis



With no warning, the auction started while I was still looking through the show fish. This peeved me a bit as I missed one of the fish that I wanted to get and it sold dirt cheap. But that was the way things went for the most part, selling very cheap. They limited the auction to plants and livestock only due to limited space with the show, but the selection of fish was very good. There were quite a few killifish, as well as L-number plecos, *Corydoras* sp., rainbowfishes, goodeids and other oddball livebearers courtesy of Pat Hartman, the event's dinner speaker, and more. My box was full in no time and I still had plenty of money left in my wallet. We left after only 2 hours of auction time, as we had a long drive and the weather was pretty crummy. I came prepared with one empty box and left with two full ones. Go figure. In addition to the rainbows that I acquired from Eric, I left with 2 species of killies, *Aphyosemion marginatum* and *Fundulopanchax spoorenbergi*,

Best Goldfish



Neolamprologus brevis - a shell dwelling cichlid from Lake Tanganyika, and some nice breeder size *Tanichthys thacbaensis*, a CARES species mountain minnow known as the lemon white cloud. My goal going in was to bring home some rainbows, killies, a new shellie and something for my outdoor tubs. Mission accomplished!

Betta patoni



I almost forgot to mention that they also had a couple of vendors at the event, and I picked up a new food for my fishes to try. It was cheap enough, and the pellets sort of float, which is hard to come by these days. Most manufacturers are obsessed with floating pellets. So we'll see.

Red rainbowfish



HORTICULTURAL AWARD PROGRAM

MONTHLY REPORT-SEPTEMBER 2018

Species Propagated—August 2018

Paul Meola — 30 points

Echinodorus bleheri (Amazon Swordplant)*	10 points
Anubias barteri var. barteri*	20 points

Stanley Semchenko — 5 points

Limnobium laevigatum (Frogbit)	5 points
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* indicates that plant was donated to club auction (2x points)
 +indicates plant was donated & article submitted to Tank Tales
 # donation points only—plant was registered earlier

PROPAGATOR OF THE YEAR

Wes Bahrt	7 Species
Bressler Family	4 Species
Joseph Yanik	3 Species
Paul Meola	2 Species
Gary Haas	1 Species
Chris Edwards	1 Species
Stanley Semchenko	1 Species

GARDENER OF THE YEAR

Wes Bahrt	130 points
Bressler Family	70 points
Paul Meola	30 points
Joseph Yanik	20 points
Gary Haas	10 points
Chris Edwards	10 points
Stanley Semchenko	5 points

Lifetime Achievement Awards

2 Star Gardener

Gary Haas
 Bressler Family
 Wesley Bahrt

1 Star Gardener

Alan Rollings
 Charles Vickery
 Gary Boyer
 Scott Sommer

Novice Gardener

Clair Klinedinst
 Joel Antkowiak
 Karen Haas

C.A.R.E.S. REGISTRATION

ACLC CARES May Monthly Report

Updated on September 27 2018

Congratulations to Karen Haas and Alan Rollings for being selected ACLC's, "CARES Members of the Year 2017".

A big THANK YOU to all those actively participating in the CARES preservation program!

NEW additions to the CARES program have to be done through CARES at https://caresforfish.org/?page_id=879.. So any of the new CARES species (since 1/1/2017) need to be done that way. We can record deletions but everything else comes from CARES.

Clair Klinedinst—ACLC CARES Coordinator

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Joel Antkowiak					
Tanichthys micagemmae	●	●	●	●	6
Ameca splendens	●	●	●	●	6
Tanichthys albonubes	●	●	●	●	5
Pachypanchax sparksorum	●	●	●	●	3
Xenotoca melanosoma	●	●	●	●	1
Xenotaenia resolonae	●	●	●	●	3
Neotoca bilineata	●	●	●	●	1
Nothobranchius kilomberoensis	●	●	●	●	1
Skiffia francesae	●	●	●	●	1
Amatitlania septemfasciatus	●	●	●	●	1
Melanotaenia boesemani	●	●	●	●	3
Melanotaenia eachamensis	●	●	●	●	3
Amatitlania myrnae	●	●	●	●	2
Bedotia geayi	●	●	●	●	2
Xiphophorus malinche	●	●	●	●	2
Zoogeneticus tequila	●	●	●	●	2
Steve Arnott					
Tanichthys micagemmae	●	●	●	●	5
Gary Boyer					
Pundamilia pundamilia "Senga"	●	●	●	●	

Rich Bressler					
Melanotaenia lacustris	●	●	●	●	5
Bedotia geayi	●	●	●	●	3
Zoogeneticus tequila	●	●	●	●	3
Glossolepsis incisus	●	●	●	●	3
Melanotaenia boesemani	●	●	●	●	2
Paul Bricknell					
Ataeniobius toweri	●	●	●	●	
John & Natalie Dickel					
Xenotoca eiseni	●	●	●	●	1
Ameca splendens	●	●	●	●	
Gary Haas					
Fundulopanchax sjoestedti	●	●	●	●	3
Puntius titteya	●	●	●	●	2
Melanotaenia boesemani	●	●	●	●	1
Nematolebia papiliferus (Inoa)	●	●	●	●	1
Nothobranchius kilomberoensis	●	●	●	●	3

C.A.R.E.S. REGISTRATION

Karen Haas/Alan Rollings					
Synodontis brichardi	●	■	■	■	2
Glossolepis incisus	●	■	■	■	2
Amatitlania nanolutea	●	■	●	■	1
Ptyochromis sp. 'red rock sheller'	●	■	■	■	
Amatitlania myrnae	●	■	■	■	
Ataeniobius toweri	●	■	■	■	1
Paralabidochromis sp. 'fire'	●	■	■	■	
Rocio Spinosissima	●	■	■	■	
Amatitlania septemfasciata	●	■	■	■	
Amphilophus lyonsi	●	■	■	■	
Pelvicachromis silviae	●	■	■	■	
Daniel Poet					
Nothobranchius kilomberoensis	●	■	■	■	
Paul Tangredi					
Melanotaenia lacustris	●	■	■	■	3
Clair Klinedinst					
Xiphophorus malinche	●	■	■	■	
Tanichthys albonubes	●	■	■	■	2
Tanichthys micagemmae	●	■	■	■	2
Xiphophorus kallmani	●	■	■	■	1
Chapalichthys encaustus	●	■	●	■	1

Mike's Cichlids



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BREEDER AWARD PROGRAM

MONTHLY REPORT

BAP NEWS AS OF 4 OCTOBER, 2018

The Clash has come and gone, and BAP is still in the doldrums. I have only received breeding reports from three breeders, and they are the BAP stalwarts Rich Bressler, Joel Antkowiak, and Karen Haas/Alan Rollings. Rich reported breeding a killifish, a convict cichlid cousin, a shrimp, and a snail. Joel, after a year-long hiatus, is back to breeding again, and welcome. The big news, though, is Karen and Alan's work. Only two spawns this past reporting period, but they are both Target fish, a goodeid extinct in the wild and a rapids-living African cichlid. Lots of points for a target fish. Hopefully we will see a breeding report in Tank Tales on both these difficult fish.

For the rest of the BAP crew, we have only two months to chase down Karen and Alan in the race to Breeder of the Year. Get those breeders to work!

~Gary Haas, BAP Chair

Recent Species Bred

Haas/Rollings

Skiffia francesae

Teleogramma brichardi

Rich Bressler

Aphyosemion splendopleure
Neocaridina zhangjiajiensis

Melanoides tuberculata
Amatitlania kanna rio banana

Joel Antkowiak

Neocaridinia zhiangzhiajensis

Caridinia pareparensis parvidentata



2018 Species Bred

Team Haas/Rollings	13 species
Bressler family	6 species
Danny Corman	4 species
Paul Bricknell	2 species
Bob Kulesa	2 species
Wesley Bahrt	2 species
Joel Antkowiak	2 species
Gary Haas	1 species
Gary Boyer	1 species

2018 Breeder of the Year Pts.

Team Haas/Rollings	217 points
Danny Corman	92 points
Bressler family	86 points
Bob Kulesa	55 points
Joel Antkowiak	45 points
Paul Bricknell	36 points
Wesley Bahrt	20 points
Gary Haas	20 points
Gary Boyer	7 points

BAP LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

CURRENTLY ACTIVE ACLC MEMBERS

F. WAYNE CALENDER BREEDER

Bressler Family	2044 pts
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GRAND MASTER BREEDER

Paul Bricknell	2039 pts
David Stephon	1120 pts
Pedro Sanchez	1050 pts

EXPERT BREEDER

Bob Kulesa*	867 pts
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ADVANCED BREEDER

Joel Antkowiak*	1323 pts
Haas/Rollings*	1152 pts
Gary Boyer*	722 pts
Danny Corman*	610 pts

2 STAR BREEDER

Gary Haas*	554 pts
Clair Klinedinst*	235 pts
J/N Dickel	178 pts

1 STAR BREEDER

Glenn Davies*	140 pts
Dave Frehafer	90 pts
Scott Shenk	70 pts
Wesley Bahrt	67 pts
Tony Kline	60 pts
Robin Antkowiak	57 pts
Kurt Johnston	56 pts

OTHER PARTICIPANTS

Sam Jones	66 pts
Charles Vickery	39 pts
The Moyers	37 pts
Lonny Langione	35 pts
Julie Lovell	26 pts
Ashley Antkowiak	21 pts
Mackenzie Dalton	14 pts

**Breeder has enough points for next higher class award but needs to complete one or more classes to achieve the award.*

SPECIALIST BREEDER AWARDS

CURRENTLY ACTIVE ACLC MEMBERS

CLASS 1—LIVEBEARERS

Paul Bricknell (A) Wayne Calender
Bob Kulesa Pedro Sanchez
David Stephon Joel Antkowiak (X)
Bressler Family (X) Gary Boyer (A)
J/N Dickel Haas/Rollings (M)
Clair Klinedinst Danny Corman

CLASS 2—CATFISH

Wayne Calender Bob Kulesa
Bressler Family

CLASS 3—BARBS & MINNOWS

David Stephon Paul Bricknell
Bressler Family

CLASS 4—CHARACINS

Wayne Calender David Stephon
Danny Corman Bressler Family

CLASS 5—KILLIFISH

Bob Kulesa Wayne Calender
Pedro Sanchez Paul Bricknell (M)
Bressler Family Gary Haas

CLASS 6—ANABANTOIDS

Bressler Family

CLASS 7—NEW WORLD CICHLIDS

Bob Kulesa Pedro Sanchez
David Stephon Bressler Family
Paul Bricknell Haas/Rollings (A)
Gary Boyer

CLASS 8—OLD WORLD CICHLIDS

Bob Kulesa Joel Antkowiak
Bressler Family Paul Bricknell
Gary Boyer Haas/Rollings

CLASS 9—RAINBOWS & BLUE-EYES

Bressler Family Danny Corman

CLASS 11—OTHER AQUATIC ANIMALS

Bob Kulesa Joel Antkowiak
Bressler Family Haas/Rollings
Paul Bricknell

CLASS 12—U.S. NATIVE SPECIES

Wayne Calender Paul Bricknell
Bressler Family

CLASS 14—ALL OTHER FW FISH

Bressler Family

SPECIAL NOTES

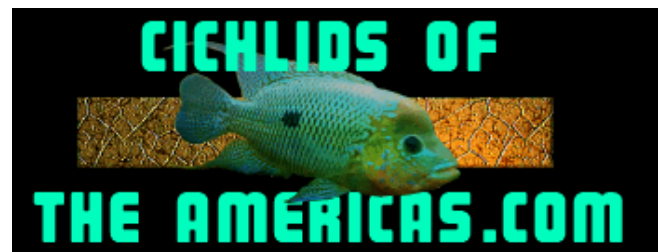
(A) - Designates Advanced Breeder for that Class

(M) - Designates Master Breeder for that Class

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BREEDER AWARD PROGRAM INFORMATION

All ACLC Members in good standing are eligible to participate in the breeders Award Program. The purpose of the ACLC Breeders Award Program is to promote the keeping and breeding of tropical and marine fish and invertebrates, to recognize and motivate achievement in the hobby, to encourage the development of the skills and knowledge necessary to spawn more difficult species, to support the CARES program by encouraging the spawning of species endangered in the wild, to share knowledge about breeding techniques and to publish accounts of spawning techniques.

Please use the form on this page to submit spawning reports or for a full copy of the BAP rules and an electronic form submission, go to our website at <http://aclcpa.org>

The Aquarium Club of Lancaster County - Spawning Report					
Member Name:		Member No. #:		Date:	
Scientific Name:					
Common Name:					
If this is a CARES eligible species, have you registered it in the CARES Program Y/N?					
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